in engines and in the space between the two coaches and to give green signal to the trains only after ensuring compliance of the above directions;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-compliance of this rule strictly; and

(d) what are Government's plans to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Roof top travelling is a punishable offence under the Railways Act and instructions already exist for strict implementation. In addition to the preventive checks done by the Police, regular checks are also conducted by Commercial staff in association with Railway Magistrates on sections prone to roof top travelling. A constant watch is also kept at stations to prevent passengers from travelling in unauthorised portions of the train. However, at times, due to inadequate staff at small stations, it becomes difficult to detrain such persons.

(d) Extensive publicity is given through various media including public address system to educate the travelling public about the perils of such travel. Notices are also displayed inside the compartments. The progressive electrification of Railway routes is also a deterrent for such hazardous travel. Trains are also augmented and special trains run on certain routes to clear extra rush.

Upgradation of CRS at Nagpur

1889. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to upgrade Central Railway Reservation System in Nagpur and surrounding stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. Servers, Communication Equipment, terminals and printers and other equipment in the Computerised Reservation System are replaced/upgraded in normal course on age, condition and need-cum-technological obsolence basis.

(b) Does not arise.